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Title: The Minister of Science and Technology and Minister of Earth Sciences laid the Statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 157th, 172th and 179th Reports of the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on Demands for Grants 2006-07 and 2007-08) respectively, pertaining to the department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I am laying this Statement in pursuance of Direction 73 A of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha under rule 389 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in Lok Sabha (Eleventh Edition), to inform the esteemed House about the status of implementation of the recommendations made by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment and Forests in its 157th, 172nd & 179th Reports.

2. The 157th Report relates to the consideration of the Demands for Grants of the Department of Biotechnology for the financial year 2006-07. I have made Statement on 25.08.2006 and 24.08.2007 and informed the House regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in its 157th report. The present statement gives the latest status pertaining to recommendations made in Para 56. The details are at Annexure-I, which is laid on the Table of the House.

3. The 172nd Report relates to the consideration of the Demands for Grants of the Department of Biotechnology for the financial year 2007-08. I have made Statement on 24.08.2007 and informed the House regarding the status of implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee in its 172nd report.

* Laid on the Table and also Placed in Library, See No. LT 8587/08.

The Action Taken Report on the recommendatio made in 172nd Report was considered by Parliamentary Standing Committee and the Committee vide its 179th Report has desired present status in respect of 10 recommendations of the 172nd Report. The present statement gives the latest status pertaining to these 10 recommendations made in Paras 3.2, 3.4, 3.6, 3.8, 3.10, 8.4, 14.6, 17.4, 18.5 and 20.3. The details are at Annexure-II, which is laid on the Table of the House.

12.07 hrs.